

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Envision Eugene Open Houses Present Goals and Strategies for Future Growth

Two open houses over the next two weeks will provide opportunities for people to learn how their input has shaped draft strategies for Eugene's growth and a chance to offer feedback. The Envision Eugene Open Houses will be held:

- **Feb. 3, 2011, 4 – 7 p.m., North Eugene High School Library, 200 Silver Lane**
- **Feb. 10, 2011, 4 – 7 p.m. Roosevelt Middle School Cafeteria, 680 East 24th Avenue**



Participants can learn more about the draft proposal which will be available prior to the open house. The open house events are designed to explain the proposed draft strategies and solicit public feedback. The public can also offer feedback through the Envision Eugene website at www.EnvisionEugene.org.

For more information, please contact Terri Harding, Envision Eugene public involvement manager, at terri.l.harding@ci.eugene.or.us or 541-682-5635.

Open Houses and Public Hearing Scheduled on West Eugene EmX

The Joint Locally Preferred Alternative Committee, including representatives from the Eugene City Council, Metropolitan Planning Committee, and the Lane Transit District Board (LTD), is scheduled to reach a preliminary recommendation on Jan. 31 on a preferred alternative to extend EmX bus rapid transit service to West Eugene. In order for the public to have an opportunity to learn more about this preliminary locally preferred alternative, and to provide feedback to the decision-makers, open houses are scheduled for Feb. 1 and Feb. 8. A joint public hearing will be held immediately after the open house on Feb. 8. The Joint Locally Preferred Alternative Committee is then expected to select its final recommendation at the group's Feb. 14 meeting.

At the Feb. 8 public hearing, a quorum of all three decision-making bodies will be in attendance. This will give the public an opportunity to address all the decision-makers at one meeting, and give the decision-makers an opportunity to hear the testimony and discussion.

The **open house on Tuesday, Feb. 1**, will be held from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the Bascom-Tykeson Room at the Eugene Public Library, 100 West 10th Avenue.

The **open house/joint public hearing on Tuesday, Feb. 8**, will be held at the Eugene Hilton, 66 East Sixth Avenue. The open house runs from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., and the joint public hearing is from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

After meeting with businesses, property owners, and residents, LTD has found ways to lessen many of the impacts along the proposed alignments. Creative strategies include operating a portion of the route in mixed traffic, changing course slightly to avoid trees, and other ideas that reduce or eliminate impacts on many properties. Check out the mitigated designs at www.weemx.ltd.org, and at the City Manager's Office.

For more information about these open houses and the public hearing, please contact Cosette Rees, Lane Transit District, at 541-682-6143, or cosette.rees@ltd.org; or Eugene Transportation Planner Kurt Yeiter at 541-682-8379, or kurt.m.yeiter@ci.eugene.or.us.

February Human Rights Project Training on Track

The City of Eugene's Human Rights Commission will host a human rights framework training on Tuesday, Feb. 15, from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., at Studio One in the Hult Center. Eugene is among select cities pioneering the implementation of a human rights framework into City programs and policies and community organizing. In bringing together the Mayor and City Council with advisory body members, the Human Rights Commission hopes to increase knowledge of the human rights framework, as well as create a network of informed leaders able to represent human rights principles in their respective areas.

Internationally recognized trainers Ejim Dike, human rights project director for the Urban Justice Center in New York City, and Anu Menon and Emily Murase from the Status of Women Department in San Francisco, will lead the training. Dike has worked on social policy issues for more than 10 years and in the domestic human rights arena for the past eight years. Her human rights work focuses on addressing poverty and discrimination using a human rights framework. Under her leadership, the Human Rights Project at the Urban Justice Center has championed an annual report card on the human rights record of New York City Council members. Menon and Murase have been instrumental in groundbreaking work in San Francisco which was the first city in the world to adopt and implement the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

The training is open to Eugene City Councilors, and all City board, committee and commission and members. For more information, please contact Holly LeMasurier at 541-682-5619, or holly.k.lemasurier@ci.eugene.or.us.

Upcoming Events - Save the Dates

Asian Celebration - Lane County Fairgrounds, Feb. 19 and 20: The City of Eugene will have a robust presence with a total of four booths at the Asian Celebration, two for overall City services, a booth for Eugene Police and a booth that will be shared by Fire/EMS and Fire Med. Every year this family-oriented event comes alive with food, music, dance, vendors, drummers and martial arts displays, and it never disappoints event-goers. Save the date for a weekend of fun, music, dance and food. For more information, please contact Michelle Mortensen, City Manager's Office, at michelle.e.mortensen@ci.eugene.or.us or 541-682-6378.



Project Homeless Connect - Lane County Fairgrounds, Mar. 17: The fifth annual Project Homeless Connect (PHC) event will begin on Thursday, Mar. 17, at the Lane County Fairgrounds. The event will connect guests with services they need but may not be able to afford or didn't know about. Hundreds of volunteers and community donors will come together to make this one-day event possible.



Some of the services and items available at PHC are free haircuts, photographs, pet food and veterinary care, dental clinics, medical care, confidential counseling, veterans' services, bicycle repair, and body work such as massage and reiki. A family area will feature toys, children's items, books and children's supplies. The adult area will provide backpacks, sleeping bags, clothing, socks and shoes, and much more to anyone in need, as supplies last. In addition to all of these services, guests will enjoy a free breakfast and lunch, and live music throughout the day. For more information, please contact Michelle Mortensen, City Manager's Office, at michelle.e.mortensen@ci.eugene.or.us or 541-682-6378.

NEXT WEEK

02/02	W	1:00pm	BT, GP, MC	IGR	McNutt
02/02	W	5:30pm	All	Budget Committee Meeting	Bascom/Tykeson

UPCOMING

02/08	Tu	5:30pm	All	Joint Public Hearing	Eugene Hilton
02/09	W	Noon	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
02/14	M	5:30pm	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
02/14	M	7:30pm	All	Council Meeting	Council Chamber

02/16	W	Noon	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
02/16	W	5:30pm	All	Budget Committee Meeting	Bascom/Tykeson
02/22	Tu	7:30pm	All	Council Public Hearing	Council Chamber
02/23	W	Noon	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
02/24	Th	11:30am	All	Joint Elected Officials	Springfield Library
02/28	M	5:30pm	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
02/28	M	7:30pm	All	Council Meeting	Council Chamber

MARCH

03/09	W	Noon	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
03/14	M	5:30pm	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
03/14	M	7:30pm	All	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
03/16	W	Noon	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room

COUNCIL BREAK: MARCH 17 – APRIL 11

APRIL

04/11	M	5:30pm	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
04/11	M	7:30pm	All	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
04/13	W	Noon	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
04/18	M	7:30pm	All	Council Public Hearing	Council Chamber
04/20	W	Noon	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
04/25	M	5:30pm	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
04/25	M	7:30pm	All	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
04/27	W	Noon	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
04/27	W	5:30pm	All	Budget Committee Meeting	B/T Room

MAY

05/09	M	5:30pm	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
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